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BIRTH.
 On the 24th February, at Sago, the wife of the Rev. H. V. S. PARKER, of a daughter.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DESVaux ROAD CL.
 LONDON OFFICE: 181, FLEET STREET, E.C.
 HONGKONG, 11TH MARCH, 1904

A PERSISTENT report, originating we know not whence, was current in the middle of yesterday to the effect that the Japanese troops had advanced as far as Moukden and had there encountered the Russians. No telegrams with any bearing on the story, however, seem to have reached the Colony, and enquiry both in official quarters and among the leading Japanese firms failed to elicit any information. The report continued to circulate, nevertheless, and among the Chinese it was widely spread by the agency of an "Extra" published from one office. Up to the time of writing we have had nothing to indicate that there is more than idle rumour in the story, which has been received with scepticism by those best qualified to judge. What was the cause of this incredulity it is not hard to see from the map. Moukden might be approached by the Japanese in one of four ways. The first is by the Manchurian railway line, starting from a point near Newchwang. This is the shortest route, being less than 100 miles; but it is impossible that an advance could be made thus without news having reached the outer world from Newchwang of Japanese action in that neighbourhood. The second way is from somewhere in the Kwangtung peninsula or between that and the Yalu. This is longer, and there is no base suitable from which to operate; moreover, the Russians were in force in the region when we last had definite information from it. The third way is across the Yalu, but it is not possible that the Japanese could so soon have crossed the river and advanced another 150 miles without a tremendous struggle. Lastly, there in the way

across the North of Corea, say from a place such as Plaksa Bay, where the Japanese are reported to have landed recently but to have returned, finding the route impracticable by reason of avalanches. Plaksa Bay is about 200 miles south of Vladivostock in Corean territory, and is more than 300 miles east of Moukden. Time, season, and the geography of the country are all against the chances of the Japanese having reached Moukden by this way. On the whole, the first and third routes are the more feasible, but we cannot believe that no indications of a Japanese advance either way would have reached us, still less of so extensive a movement as to reach Moukden, in the rear of the Russian position on the Yalu. The story must be dismissed. It is too much to be accepted in these days of telegrams, the strictest censorship notwithstanding.

We publish in our advertisement columns to-day a notification making an appeal to the Hongkong public on behalf of two funds started in this Colony in connection with the war now proceeding between Japan and Russia. The money subscribed to one will be devoted impartially to the mitigation of the sufferings of all sick and wounded in the war, whatever be their nationality; that subscribed to the other fund will be given for the relief of the widows and orphans of the Japanese killed during the war. Both objects are most worthy, as we need hardly insist, and Hongkong may be depended upon to make a generous answer to the appeals. We wrote eight days ago upon the subject of the proposed relief fund, pointing out what was being done in Japan and Shanghai to aid the families of those at the front in the cause of Japan. One of the Hongkong funds will be devoted to the same purpose as the money collected in Shanghai and the Japanese ports. We think that those concerned in starting the subscriptions in Hongkong have done wisely in dividing the appeal in two. Had they limited the purpose for which the money is being collected to the relief of Japanese widows and orphans, there would be a likelihood in this very cosmopolitan community that some Europeans would have held back, not seeing sufficient reason to contribute money to such a fund, when possibly their sympathies are rather with the Russians. On the other hand, it could not be expected that the local Chinese merchants, ready as they have always shown themselves to respond to calls upon their benevolence, would be eager to contribute money, part of which would go to the help of the Russians, China's enemies and oppressors. The highest form of charity, no doubt, takes no heed of race distinctions; but personal sympathies cannot, in the natural man, be entirely suppressed, and active benevolence can but be stimulated by a knowledge that it is to those whose cause we approve that our help will be given. Therefore the promoters of the two subscription lists are to be commended on the manner in which they have given an opportunity to people of various sympathies to display their charitable feelings. Hongkong residents, Europeans, Chinese, and others, will, we are confident, take the opportunity of subscribe to one or other of the funds or even to both.

The Police Force is again to be congratulated upon the absence of serious crime in this Colony for the past two weeks, the magistrates having before them only very minor offences for trial in the mornings, with practically none during the afternoons.

A young girl coming down Ice House Road yesterday afternoon had an unpleasant experience, but may congratulate herself that it was attended with no serious results. Just after passing the Masonic Hall the front bears put his foot something slippery, and incontinently fell full length backwards, nearly dislocating his neck in the shafts of the chair, which went down with a bump, throwing the little lady half out, but luckily no further. Investigation proved the cause of the mishap to be a banana skin, which some careless passing gourmand had thrown down. Beyond a shake up, and a sore neck, the coolie was none the worse, and soon resumed his journey with his young fare. But the moral is plain.

With regard to the opening of Wiju the Corean Minister for Foreign Affairs communicated on the 25th ult. to the Japanese Minister at Seoul substantially as follows:—Wiju, in Northern Pye-tung, had formerly been the site for overland trade with China, but as the consequence of certain events, the trade has for a time been discontinued. Since, however, the trade of that town has gradually been revived, the Corean Government now deem it proper to open the town for foreign commerce. I therefore, in accordance with the decision of the Council, and with the approval of H.M. the Emperor, declare this to the Foreign Representatives accredited to this Court. The limits of the city and the date of opening will be communicated later.

A well-known and popular judge of Manila William J. Rohde, has resigned his seat on the Bench of the Court of First Instance, and joined a firm of lawyers which uses five long names in its firm style!

Sunday, the 28th ult., being the anniversary of the relief of Ladysmith, several of the besieged men in Tokyo awaiting orders to go to the front, dined at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo. Capt. Jardine, Capt. Lionel James, of *The Times*; Mr. Maxwell, of the *Standard*; Mr. MacHugh, of the *Daily Express*; Mr. Melton Prior, of the *Illustrated London News*; and Mr. Lynch, of the *Daily Chronicle*, formed the party. Colonel Hurst, Military Attaché of the British Legation, and Capt. Tanaka, Aide-de-Camp to General Baron Kodama, were present at the meeting.

The Turkish officer, Col. Abdulla Yousof, mentioned in our issue of the 10th instant, who arrived here by the French mail steamer *Industrie* from Shanghai, left yesterday for Manila on the s.s. *Tremont*. During his brief stay in the Colony he was the guest of the well-known Indian firm of A. M. Essaboy, of Zetland Street.

Le Yacht, the French service journal, last month stated that great activity was being displayed on board the French cruiser *D'Entrecasteaux* in order to prepare her to take the place in the North Atlantic of the *Jurien de la Graviere*, which has two of the cylinder frames cracked in each of her three engines. *Le Yacht* suggested that with her 9-in. guns the *D'Entrecasteaux* would be far more useful at the present time in the Far East. She was out here in 1900, it will be remembered.

An American teacher, named Herald, who had just arrived in the Philippines, while at Tannay on the 26th ult. shot and killed the brother of the President of that place, one José de Veyra, a Filipino. It is believed that Herald did the deed under the impression that de Veyra was a robber or murderer, or both, while in fact the unfortunate man was entering the house to pay his respects to the newcomer. The case has been set for trial in April. Herald being released from custody under a \$1,500 cash security.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the hospitals:

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The Dalai Lama of Lhasa is apparently better acquainted with European civilisation than most people suppose. At any rate, the *Century Magazine* states that he has just ordered a new sacred emblem from a Paris jeweller. The photograph of this *Tie-boum*—the object which he holds in his right hand on great feast days when he blesses the Buddhist pilgrims—does credit to Tibetan taste. A silver-gilt platter supports a vase carved out of red coral; above the vase is a coral image of Amitabha, "Boundless Light," set upon a lotus flower carved out of white chalcedony. On either side of the platter is a Chinese dragon in silver-gilt, but the dragon, it is explained, are merely a concession to the nominal overlords of Tibet, and can be removed when no Chinese official is to be present. The Dalai Lama has, it seems, ordered the new *Tie-boum* because he found the old one too heavy to hold during the long and weary ceremonies entailed upon him.

We learnt by telegram a month ago that the British Government intimated to certain of the big lines of steamships, owned by Japanese subjects and sailing under the flag of the Mikado, that such ships would not, in the case of war, be granted a British register unless first transferred to British owners. The decision naturally created some disappointment. At the time of the outbreak of the Spanish-American war the Atlantic Transport Company and other shipowners, both American and Spanish, transferred their vessels to the red ensign. The subsequent formation of the International Marine Company called public attention to the flagrant manner in which the Merchant Shipping Act was being contravened. By the law of this country no ship can be registered as a British ship, and sail under the flag of the mercantile service, unless it is owned by British subjects. The Board of Trade insisted upon the Japanese owners who applied for a British register strictly complying with their provisions before registration.

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM CHEMULPO.

We have received from Mr. C. W. Clark's photographic studio in Ice House Street an excellent photograph of the Russian cruiser *Varig* as she now lies at Chemulpo after her action with the Japanese fleet and her sinking by her own crew. It gives a very good idea of the warship lying on her side, with one broadside of guns up in the air. This is the vessel which the Japanese hope to raise, and judging by the photograph this should be feasible. We believe this to be the first "war picture" to be published in the Colony.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE WAR.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

FURTHER BOMBARDMENTS—

VLADIVO-TOCK, PORT ARTHUR, DALNY.

KOBE, 10th Mar., 4.50 p.m.

Admiral Kamimura reports that on the morning of the 6th inst. (Sunday) the Japanese fleet bombarded Vladivostock, firing being continued for a period of forty minutes. The Russian forts made no response.

It is also reported that another Japanese squadron bombarded Taliawan on Tuesday night. Operations lasted until next morning.

ANOTHER BRUSH IN NORTH COREA.

KOBE, 10th Mar., 3.50 p.m.

Another brush between the scouts of the Russian and Japanese forces has occurred at Pak-chyon, north of Pingyang. The Japanese, who fought against odds, lost one man killed. The Russians ultimately retired northwards.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE BOMBARDMENT VLADIVOSTOCK.

LONDON, 8th March.

Further despatches from Admiral Alexieff state that the bombardment did no serious damage, and there were no losses in the fortifications. In town one woman was killed and a seaman wounded. The enemy reappeared for a short time yesterday (Monday).

THE DUTIES OF NEUTRALS.

LONDON, 8th March.

Mr. Walton asked in the House of Commons whether, in view of the use which Russian warships are making of ports in Crete and Egypt, the Government will communicate their views to the neutrals concerned in reference to the duties of neutrals in regard to belligerents using neutral ports for intercepting vessels of neutrals. Mr. Balfour replied that the matter, which was of great importance, was receiving the attention of the Government.

FRANCE AND THE WAR.

LONDON, 8th March.

The Paris Municipality has voted 20,000 francs in aid of the Russian and Japanese wounded, which sum has been sent to St. Petersburg with an address hoping for the success of Russia.

FISCAL POLICY.

LONDON, 8th March.

Mr. Balfour in the House of Commons said it was not intended to deal with the Fiscal Policy in the present Parliament.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, 8th March.

Australia won the fifth test match by 218 runs.

RICKSHA-PULLERS' COMPLAINTS.

Complaints on the part of the ricksha-coolies are becoming daily more and more frequent, against some of the soldiers stationed at Lyemoon. Their causes of complaint are several and are recorded in the Police Stations. One cause is that the soldiers charter their rickshas and force them to take them from the central district right out to Lyemoon, and there instead of paying the coolies, thrash them and drive them away. Another cause is that on arriving at their destination they take out a cent piece and tell the man to give them change, and when the unsophisticated coolie produces his money the soldiers snatch it away and bolt. Thus the coolie not only loses his fare, after going all that distance, but his own money as well. So very frequent have been these occurrences of late that the coolies stop when they arrive at No. 2 Station, and there demand the deposit of the fare before they start. This is sometimes done, and then the coolies, who have been bitten before, deposit all their own money, licences, and anything else of value to them, to save their property. They are given receipts, and their property, with the proper fare, is returned to them on their calling for it on their way home.

That such a state of things can be most disadvantageous to those complained of, and the matter should be investigated by the military authorities.

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd. was held yesterday in the Company's offices, 2 Connaught Road. Hon. C. W. Dickson (chairman) presided, and there were also present Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. E. Goetz, A. Haupt, E. A. Hewett, A. J. Raymond, H. Schubart, E. Shellim, N. A. Sims, E. S. Wheeler, and A. G. Wood (directors), R. C. Wilcox, F. D. Barretto, S. J. Michael, J. B. Michael, and R. J. Magowan (acting secretary).

The notice calling the meeting having been

report. The aim of the directors was to maintain as far as possible an equality in dividend, and in carrying out that aim they were unable last year, as he had explained, to write off as much as would have been written off had the earnings of the Company admitted of it. There might be room for differences of opinion as to the necessity for writing down the Company's properties but there could be none that such a policy strengthened the position of the Company, and was certain it would be favourably regarded by the great majority of the shareholders (applause). He thought a steady dividend was preferable to a feast one year and a famine the next, as he understood Mr. Michael to advocate. Mr. MICHAEL said he had already replied to that. It seemed, then, that the directors had decided that the dividend should remain the same, whether they had \$70,000 more profit than they had last year: the shareholders had not got any more. As he had said, they had the debentures for those who wanted a steady dividend, but when the ordinary shareholders put their money into a concern like this they wanted to reap the fruits of their prosperity. He was sure other people would say what he was saying; there was nothing unreasonable in it. When any bad year comes you put down the dividend, and we do not complain.

The CHAIRMAN replied that the directors regarded this as an exceptional year, and very rightly so, looking back on the past; and as there was no guarantee of a continuance of the very satisfactory result of last year, he thought it was erring on the side of prudence not to declare a very large dividend in excess of what they had been in the habit of doing, which might give an impression that they regarded this prosperity as lasting.

Mr. MICHAEL asked if he gathered from that next year if they made about the same profit they would get a better dividend.

The CHAIRMAN—Next year must look after itself. I cannot say what will be done.

The CHAIRMAN moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. B. C. WILCOX in seconding said he thought with regard to Mr. Michael's remarks that most of the shareholders were of opinion, with the chairman, that it was safer and more prudent to have a steady though a small dividend. He quite sympathised with Mr. Michael about wishing to get a larger dividend, if the profits of the Company permitted. If these profits continued to increase he thought they could get a larger dividend, but before they asked for that they should see for two or three years a settled, continued prosperity which would enable them to get upon a good footing and be sure of their ground. He thought the safest way certainly was to continue to write off on depreciation to a very large amount. The wear and tear of the wharves and godowns was very great, and he thought it would be much more prudent to put a generous sum to depreciation.

The motion was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN moved the confirmation of the appointment of Messrs. E. Shellim and E. S. Wheeler to the directorate.

Mr. F. D. BARRETTO seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN moved the re-election of the retiring directors, Messrs. H. Schubart and C. H. Thompson.

Mr. S. J. MICHAEL seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN moved the re-election of Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O. W. Gordon as directors.

Mr. J. B. MICHAEL seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

This was all the business.

Dividend warrants are now ready and can be had on application.

BOWLING.

A bowling match, Navy v. a team from the Hongkong Club, will be rolled off on Monday, the 11th instant. The following will bowl for the Club:—J. D. Auld, C. P. Chater, A. Ellis, T. C. Gray, E. A. Hawke, W. A. Sims, G. Morton Smith, and G. A. Woodcock (Captain).

By kind permission of Major Hadoloff and officers, the Band of the 3rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel during dinner to-night (weather permitting):—

WAR NOTES.

THE BOMBARDMENT OF VLADIVOSTOK.
The Japanese Consul has kindly supplied us with a translation of the following telegram received by him yesterday:-

"Tokyo, 10th March, 2.45 p.m.

In the official report of Vice-Admiral Kamimura, the commander of the detached squadron, it is stated that the Japanese squadron made a close approach to the N.E. fort of Vladivostok on the morning of the 6th inst., making a demonstrative bombardment, which commenced at 2 p.m. and lasted 40 minutes. The Japanese observed Russian soldiers at the forts, but the guns made no reply. The Japanese squadron retired.

"On the morning of the 7th inst. the Japanese fleet made a search in Amur Bay and Stray Rock Bay, but found nothing in particular. At noon they went to the eastern side of Vladivostok, but could find none of the enemy's ships. They also searched Possiet Bay, but found nothing."

It will be seen that this bears out part of our Kobe telegram.

THE JAPANESE FLEET.

The ships composing the Japanese fleet which did the damage at Port Arthur were divided into three divisions as follows:-

First division, commanded by Rear-Admiral Nasiba: the battleships *Ashi*, *Mihase*, *Hatsuse*, *Shikishima*, *Fuji*, and *Yashio*.

Second division, commanded by Rear-Admiral Dow: the cruisers *Chitose*, *Takasago*, *Kagami*, and *Yoshino*.

Third division, commanded by Rear-Admiral Misu: the armoured cruisers *Idzumo*, *Iwate*, *Asama*, *Yakumo*, *Asama*, and *Tohoku*.

The fourth division consisted of torpedo-boat destroyers and torpedo-boats.

Admiral Togo was in full command.

JAPANESE VOLUNTEERS AT PORT ARTHUR.

A remarkable report is made by Admiral Togo to the Chief of the Naval Staff Department illustrating the earnestness of the men of his fleet who volunteered to man the doomed vessels intended for the harbour entrance of Port Arthur, to be sunk there. There were no less than two thousand volunteers for the work, which was carried out by seventy-seven, and some of these wrote their volunteering application in blood! An account is given of the advance of the *Hokoku-maru* to the entrance of Port Arthur which exhibits the pluck of the volunteers. The *Kobe Chronicle*'s Commander Hirose, in charge of the *Hokoku-maru*, advanced in face of a heavy fire from the enemy. He had reached the mouth of the harbour when his ship took fire and sank without the necessity of being scuttled. About this time one of the subordinate officers was struck in the head. Another officer was also hit while at his station. The volunteers endeavoured to lower a boat, which, however, was soon rendered useless by shot. Another boat was tried. This was also damaged, but the whole of the volunteers, sixteen in number, succeeded in putting away from the ship on the side which was not exposed, the vessel being between them and the forts. The boat was only made to hold ten men, but there was little wind, and the volunteers were lucky enough to have the protection of a projecting hill, which enabled them to escape the enemy's fire and to row to where the torpedo flotilla was waiting for them.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING.

The thirty-fifth ordinary meeting of shareholders in the Company was held at the Company's Offices, No. 3 Queen's Road Central, yesterday at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts, and the report of the directors for the year ending 31st December, 1903. Those present were Mr. E. Gutz (chairman), Messrs. N. A. Siebs, A. G. Wood, E. Shellin, H. W. Slade, C. A. Tomes, and A. Haupt (directors), Mr. G. L. Tomlin (secretary), and Messrs. R. C. Wilcox, J. Wheoley, J. J. Leibis, A. H. M. da Silva, T. H. Reid, A. V. Apcar, Hart Buck, C. Pemberton, and Chan Pat.

Mr. G. L. Tomlin read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen. The directors' report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for the past three weeks I will now adopt the usual custom and take them as read. It gives the board much pleasure to present you with such a satisfactory result for the working of the year 1902, which is due to the loss ratio being only 41.71 per cent. of the premium income. This is exceptionally light and cannot be expected every year. We propose to deal with the profit of \$212,668.83 as follows:—

Dividend of \$6 and bonus of \$1 per share, on 20,000 shares \$140,000.00
Dividends to contributors of premiums 100.25

Bonus to extra reserve fund, which will then stand at \$125,675.56 as shown in the balance-sheet 52,915.14

Transfer to investment fluctuation account, to meet difference between cost and market value of investments on 31st December, 1903. Write off loss on sale of Rural Building Lots Nos. 42 and 84 1,068.49
Bonus to office staff 3,785.00

\$212,568.83

which we hope will meet with your approval. Being placed in the happy position of having built up the extra reserve fund to the equivalent of a year's dividend of \$6, we are now enabled to recommend the payment of a bonus of \$1 per share in addition to the usual dividend of \$6, or say 35 per cent. on the paid-up capital of the company. We trust that future profits will admit of the extra reserve fund being further increased, while at the same time shareholders

may have the benefit of a bonus in addition to their usual dividend. We thought it advisable to provide for certain depreciation in our investments, and have set aside the sum of \$15,000 for that purpose. After writing down the said investments to their market value as on 31st December last there remains a balance of \$2561.71 to the credit of investment fluctuation account. In this connection, I can assure you that the company's holdings of shares in other public companies are quite sound, and our funds are invested in steady dividend-paying stocks; but, as you know, we have been passing through a period of depression, and therefore these investments show a depreciation over their original cost. As business men I think you will agree with the board in providing for this temporary depreciation. In regard to our mortgages the company's surveyors have reported on the properties under loan to us, and we are satisfied that our advances are perfectly safe. You will have noticed the disappearance from our balance sheet of the item "Rural Building Lots No. 42 and 84." We received an offer for this property, and decided to dispose of it, and I think the sale was a good one as far as we were concerned, although it showed a small loss, which we are now providing for. Our working account for 1903 shows a gain of \$66,149.81 over that of the previous year, owing principally to an increased premium and interest income and to our losses being somewhat less. We hope that the sum carried forward will more than meet our unexpired liability under 1903 policies and leave us with a satisfactory profit to deal with 12 months hence. During the past year we have taken two important steps in the company's business. First of all, we have decided to withdraw from Japan rather than lock up funds to the extent of 100,000 yen as a Government deposit, and we are therefore allowing our risks to expire, and in the course of a few months we will have no further liability in that country. The second step referred to is the opening of an agency in London for the transaction of United Kingdom insurance business. We are represented by a gentleman of considerable experience, and we are working with the tariff offices, so we have hopes that the scheme we have entered upon will result in profit to the company. As, however, we only commenced to participate in business as from the Michaelmas quarter, it would be somewhat premature to say anything further on this subject. Fires have been rather numerous both here and at outports since the close of the year, but I am happy to say that we have not suffered any severe loss by any one of them. I will now move that the Directors' report and statement of accounts for the year 1903 as presented be adopted. After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put relating to business before the meeting.

Mr. Wilcox, in seconding the adoption of report and accounts, said:—I think, Mr. Chairman, we may congratulate ourselves upon the report placed before us and upon the remarks made by yourself. The vicissitudes of fire insurance are pretty well illustrated by the history of the last two years. Last year, when I had the pleasure of seconding the adoption of the report, I remember deplored the fact that we had to take some \$18,500 from the extra reserve fund to make up our dividend, and at the same time I expressed a pious hope that we should be able to restore that amount in the following year. Well, we have been able to do that, and more than that. We are going to enjoy a bonus of \$1 a share, which is very satisfactory to the shareholders. I quite coincide with the remarks of the Chairman that it will not do to expect such years as this ever again. If we get one occasionally we shall be fortunate. The probability is we shall not get a succession of good years. It is a good thing to keep the additional reserve fund intact, as far as possible, ready for reverses, so that we may be able to draw upon it to pay the usual dividend. With regard to the new features mentioned by the Chairman, we shall have to see how these work out before saying anything about them. I am pleased to know that it is possible to give a bonus to the staff. I am sure they deserve it; and the shareholders will be very pleased to endorse that statement. With these few remarks, I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. J. WHEELEY proposed that the appointment of Messrs. E. Shellin, H. W. Slade, C. A. Tomes, and A. Haupt on the Board of Directors be confirmed.

Mr. HART BUCK seconded, and it was carried.

Mr. J. J. LEIBIS proposed that Messrs. A. G. Wood and E. Shellin be re-elected directors.

Mr. A. H. M. da SILVA seconded, and it was carried.

The CHAIRMAN said:—That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be posted this afternoon. Thank you for your attendance.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:

On the 10th at 11.30 a.m. The barometer has risen in Eastern Japan, and fallen in N. China. The changes elsewhere are slight.

Gradients are moderate on the China coast and light in other directions. Moderate monsoon will be met with in the Formosa channel and light variable winds in the China sea.

Forecast.—Light E. winds; overcast, fair.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon in the Board Room. Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson (President) presided, and there were also present H. W. Chatham (Vice-President), Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Mr. Fung Wa Chun; Colonel W. E. Webb, R.A.M.C.; Mr. A. Ramjahn; Dr. B. Barnett, Assistant Medical Officer of Health; Mr. G. A. Woodcock (Secretary) and Mr. T. A. Hammar (Assistant Secretary).

DRAINAGE SYSTEM DEFECTS.

Mr. A. RUMJAHN pursuant to notice moved "That steps be taken by the Board to remedy the defects in the drainage system introduced by the Sanitary Surveyor into the block of buildings known as Nos. 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, and 60 Caine Road; and generally to remedy similar defects existing in any other property where the filth of one building is conveyed into the yard of another through open surface channels." It was imperative, he said, that the drainage of a building should be arranged so as not to constitute a menace to health and comfort of its occupiers, and also that the laws governing the disposal of sewage waters should be strictly complied with. In the block of houses to which he referred in his motion the system of drainage had been ill-designed inasmuch as filth from one house was carried into the yard of the second, the third received the filth of the first two, and so on. It was unnecessary to say that this was insanitary. The Acting M.O.H. said that under certain conditions it might be dangerous to health. The Sanitary Surveyor in his report stated there were two traps in each yard and a channel running down the centre. These traps were only 8 inches square, and when foul water was thrown into the yard it ran into this channel. Reference to the Surveyor's plan would show that there was only one trap provided in each yard. This was in contravention of section 45 of the Bye-laws of Ord. 13 of 1901. But the most important disregard of the Bye-laws was the passage of filthy water down the surface channel in contravention of Section 35 of the existing Ordinance. It was not the case that the channel was misused by the tenants. The slope of the yards was towards the channel in the centre. The traps were placed, one near the kitchen, and the other on the side of the main building. The Surveyor said this channel was intended to carry away the rain-water from the roof. This was not so; for this was collected by pipes under the eaves and emptied into one of the traps. As to the remedy, he would propose that the two traps be removed and a new one placed in the centre of the yard and that the aperture leading the channel from one yard to another be blocked.

Mr. LAU CHU PAK seconded.

The VICE-PRESIDENT said the real cause of the trouble was the manner in which the houses and kitchens were designed. In this case they could not drain into the back lane save at a very great expense. To provide for the outlet of the back premises a pipe would have to pass below each house in turn, or else the drainage must be carried from yard to yard as described. To the former course there were strong sanitary objections. The only method therefore was the latter alternative; the question was just to what extent it ought to be done. In this case the drainage arrangements here were submitted by the owner and not by the Sanitary Surveyor, who had no alternative but to approve of this method proposed by the owner provided it did not contravene any of their by-laws; and he did not think it fit.

On a show of hands the motion was lost by the casting vote of the President, the voting being:—For the motion, Messrs. Ramjahn, Lau Chu Pak, and Fung Wa Chun (3); against—the President, the Vice-President, and Colonel Webb (3).

SINKING OF A WELL.

Messrs. Palmer and Turner sent in application for permission to sink a well on Marine Lot No. 185 adjoining the new Taiping Theatre for the purpose of filling the tanks with water to be used in case of fire.

Dr. Pearce intimated that whatever purpose a well was originally intended to serve, it might in time of drought be used for obtaining drinking water from, and he therefore recommended as a precaution that the well be sunk in the middle of the vacant piece of ground to the east of the steps leading to the theatre door instead of at the side close to the adjoining building; the well should be cement rendered to within 3 or 4 feet from the bottom, the brickwork carried up to form a 1 to 2 foot parapet, and the surface round the well canalled and cemented.

Mr. HOWELL intimated that he did not think the sinking of walls should be encouraged; the water was sure to be used for drinking purposes.

On the motion of the VICE-PRESIDENT, seconded by Mr. LAU CHU PAK, the application was granted subject to the conditions mentioned by the M.O.H.

PAVING OF DAILEYS IN LAUNDRIES.

Dr. Barnett, in reference to a report sent in said he wished to know what material the Board approved under No. 2 of the bye-laws governing laundries. Did they approve Canton tiles? Tiles had been accepted in the past, but were not impervious. At least 50 per cent. of the licensed premises were paved with Canton tiles.

The Director of Public Works intimated:—A layer of cement rendering three-quarters of an inch thick or the paving bricks or glazed tiles made by the Green Island Cement Co. would be preferable to Canton tiles."

Mr. E. A. Hewett:—"The use of Canton tiles for flooring should be gradually done away with."

The PRESIDENT moved the approval of the D.P.W.'s minute, the same to be applicable to new premises.

Mr. Fung Wa Chun seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

WATER ANALYSIS.

The report of Mr. A. C. Franklin, Acting Government Analyst, for the month of February showed that the water was of excellent quality.

BATS.

It was reported that during the fortnight ended 7th inst. 700 rats were killed; of these 18 were infected with plague.

This was all the important business.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 10th March.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

CLAIM BY THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA.

Before the Chief Justice and a special jury the case was again called in which the National Bank of China sought to recover from Chee On and Co., coal merchants, 22, Li Yuen East Street, and Chan Lui Chi, of Kobe, the sum of \$64,000 due on bills of exchange drawn in Japan for payment in Hongkong, which were dishonoured, and charges incurred in connection therewith. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. H. W. Looker, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, and Deacon), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist), appeared for the defendants.

The special jury was as follows:—H. E. R. Hunter, A. Howard, F. H. A. Fuchs, W. J. Saunders, W. M. Watson, C. H. Thomson, and N. Mumford.

The following preliminary issue was agreed on:—Assuming for the purpose of this issue that the translation hereto annexed of the mortgage dated 27th August, 1901, is a true translation of the said mortgage, that the law of Japan allows priority of mortgages of the same property according to their respective dates of registration, is the plaintiff bank entitled under the said mortgage to recover from Chan Lui Chi such portion of the 72,000 yen thereby secured as is claimed in this action?

The jury found unanimously for the plaintiff on the issue, and his Lordship gave the plaintiffs the costs of the issue. As to the general costs of the actions, his Lordship gave liberty to apply in Chambers.

The following special questions were left to the jury:—

(1) In all the circumstances of this case, was the Bank or its agents guilty of such laches and negligence as to disentitle it to recover from the defendant?

(2) If so, to what extent was the security depreciated?

Answer to (1)—No.

The Court adjourned.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR A. G. WISE (PUISNE JUDGE).

ALLEGED LIBEL.

Further evidence was given in the case in which T. Evans, late head watchman at Hungshun Dock, claimed from fifteen Indian watchmen the sum of \$500 as damages for an alleged libel contained in a letter dated 25th November, 1903.

Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., barrister-at-law, (instructed by Mr. E. J. Grist, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist), appeared for the plain tiff, and the Russian scientists show by comparison that the folklore is almost identical. The same animals are venerated, and the raven in both continents is looked upon as the progenitor of all living things. There is also a similarity in the customs of the two peoples, and in their language; in fact, the resemblance that can be traced is considered sufficiently marked by the scientists who compared the reports to convince them that the brown men of British Columbia and Paget Sound either walked across the ice bridge of Bering Straits, or went from island to island in the canoe in milder climate, until they reached the lands of sunny skies and copious rain; or that the two races were distinct and at one time intermingled, obtaining the intercourse by the same means of travel.

SHIPPING NOTES.

COAL.

The C. E. & M. Co. received 1,700 tons of coal yesterday by the s.s. *Hei Ping*. She expect fair weather on the passage from Tsingtao.

RICE.

The E. A. T. Co. received 1,300 tons of rice from Saigon by the s.s. *Tarang*.

The s.s. *Takao* cleared for Swatow yesterday, having 1,000 tons of general cargo on board.

THE S.S. "SAXONIA."

The s.s. *Saxonia* cleared for Yokohama yesterday, having 2,500 tons of cargo on board.

THE S.S. "WONDER."

The s.s. *Wonder* cleared for Bangkok yesterday. She is going down in ballast.

NOTICE.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

ON FRIDAY,

the 18th MARCH, 1904, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street,

A COLLECTION OF

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Comprising—
SATSUMA VASES and JARS, IMARI
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TERMS.—As usual.

Catalogues will be issued.

On View from 17th March, 1904.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1904. [717]

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(In Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Hon. C. P. CHATER, K.C.M.G., Victoria Buildings, Queen's Road, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon on SATURDAY, the 26th day of MARCH, when the Liquidator will lay before the Shareholders a Final Report together with the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and the following Resolution will be proposed, viz.—

To those Shareholders who make a written application to the Liquidator Mr. J. GOOSMANN, on or before the 2nd day of APRIL, 1904, \$1 (Dollar One) or a fraction of same, will be returned per Share, and any Balance remaining after payment of Auditor's Fee, Printing and Petty Expenses, is to be transferred to the credit of the Liquidator.

The Books of the Company are to remain in safe custody with Messrs. MELCHERS & CO., and to be destroyed after two years from date.

J. GOOSMANN,

Liquidator.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [718]

NOTICE.

IT has been decided to invite subscriptions from the Community for the following objects in connection with the Russo-Japanese War.

1. Providing additional comforts in hospital treating all sick and wounded from the war.

2. Subscriptions in aid of the families of Japanese killed in the war.

It is proposed to communicate with His Britannic Majesties' Minister at Tokyo as to the distribution of the fund to the best advantage.

The respective funds will be administered at the discretion of the Committee for the above mentioned objects.

The following have agreed to serve on the Committee:—

Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G.
Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G.
Hon. Wai Yuk.

Hon. Gershon Stewart.
Hon. H. E. Pollock.
Chen Sui Ki.

D. Clarke.
Fung Wa Chuen.

E. A. Hewett.
Ho Fook.
Ho Tung.

D. R. Law.
J. E. Michael.

H. N. Moody.
A. J. Raymond.

E. Shelling.
J. R. M. Smith.

Sir Paul Chater has agreed to act as Chairman, while Mr. Smith and Mr. Hewett will act as Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively.

Subscriptions lists will be circulated in due course.

EDBERT A. HEWETT,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [719]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"MALACCA,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUZZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out, Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optical Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-day, the 10th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 16th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [720]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLEBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID AND COLOMBO.

THE Company's Steamship

"WAKASA MARU"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optical Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-day, 10th inst.

Goods not cleared before the 17th inst. will be subject to rent.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and notice of same sent to this Office before the 20th inst., or claims in connection therewith will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [721]

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Hongkong, 5th March, 1904.

ENTERTAINMENT

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CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB will give Two Performances of THE COMIC OPERA "HIS EXCELLENCY"

Written by W. S. GILBERT,
Music composed by Dr. OSMOND CARE,
THIS EVENING (FRIDAY),

11th MARCH,

And

TO-MORROW EVENING (SATURDAY),

12th MARCH,

commencing each evening at 9 P.M. precisely.

Several new features will be introduced, including a Dance by "THE GOVERNOR AND NANNA"; A COUNTRY DANCE, &c. &c.

Dress Circle \$3
Stalls 3
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Pit 1

No Half Price.

Public Booking Office from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. each day.

Late Trams will run a quarter of an hour after the fall of the curtain.

Hongkong, 29th February, 1904. [605]

NOTICE.

THE following Articles FOUND at Government House after the Bails on 3rd and 25th February, are still unclaimed:—

1 SMALL FEATHER FAN.

1 PR. LADY'S WHITE KID GLOVES.

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1 WHITE VEIL.

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1 SMALL JAPANESE FAN.

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M. R. HURLY, Capt. A.D.C.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1904. [695]

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1904. [587]

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THE ITALIAN FAR-EAST TRADING CO.

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Hongkong, 7th March, 1904. [674]

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [3518]

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

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TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1904. [698]

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents on THURSDAY, the 24th MARCH, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th MARCH, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

General Agents.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1904. [679]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1904. [720]

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of \$22.50 per Share for the year ending 31st December, 1902, declared at To-day's Ordinary Annual Meeting, will be paid at the Premises of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after Monday, the 7th instant, and Hongkong Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividends Warrants at the Company's Offices, Pedder's Street.

Optical Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-day, the 10th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 16th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [720]

NOTICE.

ROBINSON PIANO Co. LTD.

FOUR REMARKABLE PIANO - PLAYERS.

APOLLOETTE - - - \$450
APOLLO - - - \$550
APOLLO "MASTER"
PLAYERS.

PLAY EVERY NOTE

OF THE PIANO,

SECURING EFFECTS OF

TREMENDOUS IMPRESSIVENESS

(OTHER MAKES PLAY 30 NOTES
LESS).

"APOLLO" PLAYERS
for Hire.

APOLLO SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARY.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1904. [640]

INSURANCES

PHOENIX FIRE OFFICE.
The Undersigned are now prepared to
GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE
against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office

Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [12]

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO, CANADA,
INCORPORATED 1851.

Cash Security ... 2825,719

Total Losses Paid ... 26,769,240

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE
at Current Rates.

WM. MEYERINK & CO.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1903. [194]

NORTHEEN ASSURANCE CO

FIRE and LIFE.

ESTABLISHED 1836.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
First Class Foreign and Chinese RISKS
against FIRE at Current Rates.

Also to accept proposals for LIFE ASSUR-
ANCE. Prospects on application.

TUNNER & CO.
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [267]

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCAN-
TILE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1902,
£16,378,771.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ... £3,000,000 0 0
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... 2,750,000 0 0
PAID-UP CAPITAL ... 687,500 0 0
II. FIVE FUNDS 2,867,115 14 10

The Undersigned AGENTS for the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS
against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOME & CO.
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1903. [1888]

**THE BOMBAY FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.

HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO.

Hongkong, 26th November, 1903. [1216]

**L'UNION OF PARIS FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to accept RISKS against FIRE at current
rates.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [1]

**AACHEN AND MÜNICH FIRE IN-
SURANCE CO.**

OF AIX-LE-CHAPELL.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE
at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [199]

TO LET

TO LET

TWO LARGE ROOMS in a Building
facing the Canal, British Concession,
Shamian, Canton.
Apply to—

V. P. MUSSO & CO.
Shamian, Canton,
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1904. [629]

TO LET

NOS. 5 and 6, BARROW TERRACE
Kowloon. Available 1st March.
Apply to—

THE SAM WANG CO., LD.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1904. [428]

TO LET

HOUSE No. 2, QUEEN'S GARDENS as
from 31st December, 1903.
Apply—

Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1903. [177]

TO LET

NOS. 4, 5, and 9, AUSTIN AVENUE,
Kowloon, at moderate rentals, with
immediate possession.

Apply to—

**HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND
FINANCE CO., LD.**
Hongkong, 11th March, 1904. [102]

TO LET

2ND and 3RD FLOORS, NO. 35, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL; suitable for Office.
Apply to—

WING CHEONG,
35, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 3rd November, 1903. [74]

TO LET

GROUND FLOOR, NO. 4, DES VŒUX ROAD,
with strong Room. Now in occupation
of Guaranty Trust Company of New York.
Apply to—

LINSTEAD & DAVIS.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [702]

TO LET

"THE EYRIE" (PEAK).
"ALEXANDRA" BUILDINGS, Rooms
on the Top Floor.
Nos. 15 & 17, MOSQUE JUNCTION.
No. 13 & 21, BELLIOS TERRACE.

Apply to—

LINSTEAD & DAVIS.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1904. [397]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE

OFFICES, CENTRAL POSITION.
No. 6, ROBINSON ROAD.
No. 33, CONDUIT ROAD, Six rooms.
Tennis Court.

No. 71, WYNDHAM STREET.

And others to suit various requirements.

S. A. SETH,
Land and Estate Broker.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1904. [173]

TO LET

GODOWN, NO. 32B, PRAYA EAST.

Nos. 4 & 8, CASTLE ROAD.
Nos. 15, 17 & 19, SEYMOUR ROAD.
Nos. 74, CAINE ROAD.

Nos. 4, 5, MACDONNELL ROAD, possession
from 1st April.

Apply to—

COMPEADORE DEPARTMENT,
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1904. [430]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

TO LET, with possession from 1st March,
1904.

One Suite of ROOMS (2), on the GROUND
FLOOR of the Hongkong Club Annex,
suitable for Offices.

For particulars apply to the undersigned.

C. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [569]

TO LET.

NO. 1, RIPON TERRACE (in FLATS).

No. 4, RIPON TERRACE.

No. 10, MACDONNELL ROAD.

No. 17, WONG-NEI-CHONG ROAD,

facing Haie-course.

FLATS in MOROTOU TERRACE, facing the
Polo Ground.

OFFICES in course of erection, CONNAUGHT
Road (near BRAKE PIER).

GODOWNS No. 3a, BLUE BUILDINGS.

GODOWNS; PRAYA EAST.

Apply to—

**THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.**

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1904. [175]

TO LET.

NO. 1, SPACIOUS NEW GODOWN,
very suitable for Dry Goods.

Apply to—

W. LYSAUGHT,
153, Wan Chai Road.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1903. [76]

TO LET (FURNISHED).

For 6 months from 1st April, 1904.

"EGGSFORD" SIX-ROOMED

House at the PEAK.

Apply to—

LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1904. [271]

TO LET.

FROM 1st April, **HOUSE "FERNSIDE"**

Robinson Road.

Apply—

E. M. HAZELAND,
35, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1904. [627]

TO LET.

TWO FURNISHED ROOMS, BATH-

ROOM, COOKROOM, SERVANTS' QUAR-

TERS, etc., in Robinson Road.

Apply to—

C.
Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1904. [628]

TO LET.

N. O. 2, "MAGDALEN TERRACE,"

MAGAZINE GATE.

Apply to—

SPANISH PROCURATION.

Hongkong 1st July, 1903. [72]

TO LET

TO LET

Shamian, Canton.

ONE or more FURNISHED ROOMS, in
excellent situation.

Apply to—

X. X.

Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1904. [629]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

"LEWKNOR," the PEAK, for 18 months

Less than 15 minutes from tram.

Apply—

M. W. SLADE,

Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1904. [531]

TO LET.

"BRAKENKNOWE," No. 35, Conduit

Road. Six Rooms and Garden.

Possession from 1st May.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Mar. 9, CHINA, German str., 1,150, Kraiboo, Saigon 5th Mar., Rico—E.A. TRADING CO.
Mar. 9, KWEIYANG, British steamer, 1,026, J. Methrel, Wuhu and Chinkiang 3rd March, Rico and General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Mar. 9, MALACCA, British str., 2,615, A. F. Street, London 23rd January, General—F. & O. S. N. Co.
Mar. 9, WAKASA MARU, Japanese str., 3,884, J. B. Macmillan, London 15th Jan., General—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Mar. 10, APENHADE, German str., 611, Uldrup, Haiphong and Hoioh 9th Mar., General—J. BROWN & CO.
Mar. 10, HSINGPU, British str., 1,266, R. McFarlane, Chingwangtan 3rd March, Coals—CHINESE.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
10th March.

Decima, German str., for Saigon.

Kansu, British str., for Swatow.

Takson, British str., for Swatow.

DEPARTURES.

10th March.

BENCLEUCH, British str., for Yokohama.
FOYLE, British str., for Kutchinotan.
KOREA, American str., for San Francisco.
SAXONIA, German str., for Yokohama.
STORE NORDBYKE, Danish str., for Kiautschou.
TELEMACHUS, British str., for Shanghai.
TREMONT, Amer. str., for Manila.
WONGKOK, German str., for Bangkok.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

10th March.
ABERDEEN DOCK—Beachley.
KOWLOON DOCKS—H. I. G. M. S. Moore,
H.M.S. Glory, Ellen Rickmers, Sungkian, Lin
Tan, Elec, Seaten, Stollberg, Taichong.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—Salfordia.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Steamship

"EASTERN."

Captain W. Ellis, will be despatched as above

TO-DAY, the 11th inst., at NOON.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of Passengers the Steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [623]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at MANILA, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"EASTERN."

Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 11th inst., at NOON.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

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A Stewardess and a duly qualified surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of Passengers the Steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [624]

POSTPONEMENT.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship.

"HAICHING,"
Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above ports on SUNDAY, the 13th inst., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [625]

STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL
(With liberty to call at Philippine Ports.)

THE Steamship

"KENNEBECK."

Captain Geo. R. Wallace, will be despatched as above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 23rd inst.

For Freight or further information, apply to

STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

Oriental Freight Department.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1904. [626]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT—PORTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT, MARESSES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX;

ALSO PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 22nd March, 1904, at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship "SYDNEY," Captain Blanco, with Male Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARESSES via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon only on Monday, the 21st March. Specie and Parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same day. No Cargo will be received on board on Tuesday.

Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Com-

GANY'S Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [627]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	COROMANDEL	Brit. str.	G. M. Montford	P. & O. S. N. CO.	To-morrow, Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	AJAX	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	P. & O. S. N. CO.	15th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	BORNEO	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 17th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	PAK LING	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	MACHAON	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	12th April.
LONDON & ANTWERP	TELEMACHUS	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	26th April.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	SYDNEY	Fren. str.		MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	22nd inst., at 1 P.M.
BREMEN VIA PORTS OF CALL	BLANCO	Ger. str.	G. Melchers	MELCHERS & CO.	16th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MILTSCH	Ger. str.		HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	21st inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	Luning	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	22nd inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ABESSINIA	Ger. str.	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	5th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	BRINGAVIA	Ger. str.	Schulke	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	19th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SUVIA	Ger. str.	Borok	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	23rd inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ATEMISIA	Ger. str.	Gronmeyer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	3rd May.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MARBURG	Ger. str.	Stern	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	17th May.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SILESIA	Ans. str.	Stabile	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	15th inst.
TRISTE, &c., VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	GLAUCUS	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th April.
GENOA, MARESSES & LIVERPOOL	IDOMENEUS	Brit. str.		DODWELL & CO., LTD.	Early April.
GENOA, MARESSES & LIVERPOOL	AFRIDI	Brit. str.		DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 23rd inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	KENNEBECK	Brit. str.		STANDARD OIL CO.	30th inst.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	27th April.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	VICTORIA	Brit. str.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	16th inst.
VICTORIA (C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	NINGCHOW	Brit. str.		DODWELL & CO., LTD.	24th inst.
VICTORIA (C.) & SEATTLE VIA N'SAKI, &c.	INDRASAMHA	Brit. str.		PORTLAND & ASIATIC CO.	24th inst.
PORTLAND, OREGON	INDRASAMHA	Brit. str.		GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	To-day, at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CHINTOU	Brit. str.		GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	8th April.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	MALACCA	Brit. str.		GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	18th inst.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOU & KOBE	TRISTE	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	18th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	WAKASA MARU	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	19th inst.
KOBE (DIRECT)	CHINGTU	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	20th inst.
KOBE (DIRECT)	CHINGTU	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	21st inst.
KOBE (DIRECT)	CHINGTU	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	22nd inst.
KOBE (DIRECT)	CHINGTU	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	23rd inst.
SHANGHAI	SHIMLA	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	24th inst.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	M. STRUVE	Jap. str.	R. F. Smits	P. & O. S. N. CO.	About 13th inst.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	FRIETHJOF	Jap. str.	T. Brandt	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	13th inst.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	TRITOS	Jap. str.	H. A. Haraldsen	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	17th inst.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	HAICHING	Jap. str.	A. Hansen	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	20th inst.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	TRITOS	Jap. str.	H. Kraft	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	23rd inst.
MANILA	TRITOS	Jap. str.	Hodgins	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	13th inst.
MANILA	TRITOS	Jap. str.	T. W. Garlick	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	14th inst.
EASTERN	TRITOS	Jap. str.	T. W. Ellis	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	To-day.
MANILA DIRECT	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	R. Rodger	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 13th inst.
MANILA DIRECT	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	R. W. Almond	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	10th inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	RUBI	Brit. str.	R. E. Fey	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	19th inst.
BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE & PENANG	PERLA	Ital. str.	F. Magazzini	CAULLOWITZ & CO.	3rd P.M.

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

NORTHERN PACIFIC S. CO. BOSTON S. CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.

CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

VICTORIA C. AND TACOMA

VIA

SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
VICTORIA	9,502	J. Truebridge	Wednesday, March 16th
TREMONT	9,606	T. W. Garlick	Friday, March 28th
OLYMPIA	2,837	A. Dixon	Weenesday, April 27th
LYRA	4,417	G. V. Williams	Weenesday, May 4th
TACOMA	2,912	M. Ridley	Friday, May 13th
SHAWMUT	9,606	W. M. Smith	Saturday, May 13th

* Not carrying second class

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LTD.
AND
**CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
NAVIGATION CO., LTD.**
JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA,
AND HUMAERA PORTS.
OUTWARDS.

	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"NINGCHOW"	On 22nd March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"ANTENOR"	On 24th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"OUPACK"	On 31st March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"JASON"	On 5th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"ACHILLES"	On 10th April.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON and ANTWERP...	"AJAX"	On 15th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL...	"GLAUCUS"	On 15th March.
LONDON and ANTWERP...	"PAK LING"	On 29th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL...	"MACHAON"	On 12th April.
LONDON and ANTWERP...	"IDOMENEUS"	On 20th April.
LONDON and ANTWERP...	"TELEMACHUS"	On 26th April.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"NINGCHOW"	On 24th March.
The "TYDEUS" left Victoria B.C. on the 21st inst., for Japan and Hongkong. For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.		

Hongkong, 4th March, 1904. [10-11]

**CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"KWANGSE"	On 11th March.
MANILA	"KAIFONG"	On 12th March, Noon.
KOBE	"CHINGTU"	On 21st March.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	On 8th April.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Tables. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.
Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.
Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS (See Special Advertisement).

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1904. [12]

FOR CANTON.

THE new and fast Twin-Screw Steamer	
"SAN CHEUNG,"	
951 Tons, Captain A. Murphy, will leave for Canton at 8 P.M. on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, and return to Hongkong on the following days, leaving Canton at 5 P.M. Excellent accommodation, electric light, and perfect cuisine. Wharf at Hongkong near Harbour Office.	
First-class Fare, \$1 each way. Meals, \$1 each.	
Cargo Freight very moderate.	J. TREVVOUX & CO., No. 128, Connaught Road Central, Hongkong, 30th June, 1903. [27]

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

THE British steamship	
"YING KING,"	Captain Ramsey, of 1088 tons, Registered, is the newest, fastest, and most luxuriously furnished steamer on the line and is lighted throughout with electricity; hot and cold water service. The cuisine is unexcelled.
Leaving Hongkong every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY EVENING, at 9 P.M. and returning from Canton every following evening at 5 P.M.	
1st Class ... \$3.00 for Single Journey	
2nd ... 1.50	
Meals ... 1.00 each.	
The steamer's wharf is at the Western end of Wing Lok Street.	
YUK ON S.S. CO., LTD.	
No. 216, Wing Lok Street, Hongkong, 27th February, 1904. [57]	

GEACA & CO., FOREIGN AND COLONIAL STAMP DEALERS,	
No. 45, PEEL STREET, HONGKONG,	Will be glad to send STAMPS on approval to my address on receipt of satisfactory reference.
Are also prepared to purchase used POSTAGE STAMPS in Large or Small Quantities for Cash.	AGENTS WANTED.
15 to 25 cent. Distant Allowed.	[133]

MESSAGERIES CANTONNAISES.	
J. TREVVOUX & CO.	
HONGKONG-CANTON NIGHTLY SERVICE.	
THE Commodious Steamer	
"PAUL BEAU."	

THE Business of AH MEN and HING CHEONG & CO., Tailors at No. 8 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, opposite to the Connaught House Hotel, Hongkong, 6th January, 1904. [128]	
NOTICE OF REMOVAL.	
THE two magnificient and up-to-date steamers are lighted with Electricity.	
The Saloon is under European Supervision.	
First Class European ... \$2.00	
Second Class European ... \$1.00	
First Class Chinese ... \$1.50	
Second Class Chinese ... \$0.80	
Deck ... 50	
Company's Wharf is at the end of Queen's Street, Praya West.	
For further particulars, apply to J. LANDOLT, Agent.	
The Pharmacy, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [420]	

AUTOMATIC MAUSER PISTOLS.	
CALIBRE 7.63 mm.	With CHAMBER for 10 CARTRIDGES FIRING 10 SHOTS in 2 SECONDS.
SIEMSEN & CO.	
Hongkong, 3rd October, 1904.	[45]

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

I. Bills are now accepted for transmission to Batavia and the Dutch East Indies "direct." Scale of charges as follows:—
 1lb. to 3lbs. \$1.15
 4lbs. to 7lbs. \$1.50
 8lbs. to 11lbs. \$2.00
 Greatest length 2 feet. Greatest length and girth 4 feet.
 No Insurance.

Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Dalmatia and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.
 The Parcel mail for Europe per s.s. "Commodore," will close punctually at 3 p.m., to-day.
 The Sina with the English mail of 12th ult., left Singapore on Sunday, the 8th inst., at 3 p.m., and may be expected here to-day. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 12th January.
 The Sina, with the American mail, left Shanghai on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at noon, and may be expected here to-day.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton		
Saigon		
Koko		
Manila, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne		
Macao		
Shanghai		
Kongmien, Kuching and Samshui		
Chinkiang		
Koko		
Moji		
Namtoo		
Samboe		
Macao		
Canton		
Manila		
Manila		
Singapore, Penang and Bombay		
Europe, c. India via Tuticorin		
(late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
(Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)		
Macao		
Kongmien, Kuching and Samshui		
Amoy and Manila		
Namtoo		
Samboe		
Macao		

TO-DAY.
 Performance, Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.
 TOMORROW.
 Sale, Household Furniture, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lamont, 2.30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

10th March.

ON LONDON.—	Telgraphic Transfer	1/10t
Bank Bills, on demand	1/10t	
Bank bills, at 30 days' sight	1/10t	
Bank bills, at 4 months' sight	1/10t	
C. dite, at 4 months' sight	1/10t	
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	1/10t	
ON PARIS.—		
Bank Bills, on demand	2/32t	
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/37t	
ON GERMANY.—		
C. dite, at 4 months' sight	189t	
ON NEW YORK.—		
Bank Bills, on demand	4/4t	
Credits, 60 days' sight	4/5t	
ON BOMBAY.—		
Teleggraphic Transfer	137t	
Bank, on demand	137t	
ON CALCUTTA.—		
Teleggraphic Transfer	137t	
Bank, on demand	137t	
ON SHANGHAI.—		
Bank, at sight	7t	
Private, 30 days' sight	7t	
ON YOKOHAMA.—	O, demand	3/1t
ON MAILED.—	O, demand	Nominal.
ON SINGAPORE.—	O, demand	Nominal.
ON BATAVIA.—	O, demand	111t
ON HAIPHONG.—	O, demand	111t
ON SAIGON.—	O, demand	14 p.c.p.m.
ON BANGKOK.—	O, demand	62t
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate	10.75	
OLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	56.30	
BAL SILVER, troy oz.	26.7t	
OPIUM.		

10th March.

Quotations are:—Allow 20% net to 1 catty.
 Malwa New \$900 to \$920 per picul
 Malwa Old \$40 to \$960 "
 Malwa Older \$1040 to \$1060 "
 Malwa V. Old \$1040 to \$1060 "
 Persian fine quality \$880 to — "
 Persian extra fine \$900 to — "
 Petau New \$1262 to — per chet.
 Petau Old — to — "
 Benares Old — to — "
 Benares Old — to — "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer "Gæte" left Shanghai for this port on the 8th inst., at noon, and is due here on the 11th inst., at daylight.

The P.M. steamer "China" left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 26th ult.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China steamer "Kumsang," from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 8th inst., and may be expected here on the 15th inst.

The Ind.-China steamer "Suisang" left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 5th inst., and may be expected here on the 22nd inst.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer "Sintler" left Singapore for this port on the 6th inst., at 3 p.m., and is due here on the 13th inst., at 3 p.m.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer "Roon" left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 7th inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on the 13th inst.

The Imperial German mail steamer "Hamburg" left Colombo on the 7th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 18th inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer "Empress of China" arrived at Yokohama at 5 p.m. on the 8th inst., and left again at 11 a.m. on the 9th inst., for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 10 a.m. on the 10th inst.

MECHANIC STEAMERS.

The E. & A. steamer "Australia," from Sydney, &c., left Manila on the 9th inst. for this port.

The A.L. steamer "Triton" left Singapore for this port on the 8th inst.

The steamer "Saint Bede" left Singapore for Manila on the 23rd ult., en route to this port.

The P. & A. steamer "Indrasamala," from Port Said (Or.), arrived at Yokohama at 4 p.m. on the 3rd inst., and is expected here on the 15th inst.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer "Portodes" sailed from Tacoma on the 2nd Inst. for Japan ports and Port Arthur.

The O.S. & C.M. steamer "Tydeus" left Victoria (B.C.) on the 21st ult., via Japan and for this port.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer "Lyra" left Victoria (B.C.) for Yokohama and the usual ports on the 3rd inst.

The O.S. & C.M. steamer "Pisces" will leave Victoria (B.C.) on the 24th inst. for Japan and Hongkong.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 10th March.

COMPANY	Paid Up.	QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong & Shantung	\$125	£60s. £den 25s.
Natl. Bank of China	28	\$24, buyers
A. Shares	28	\$24, buyers
Foun. Shares	21	\$10.
Beil's Asbestos	41	\$6, sellers
Canton-Hongkong Ice	30	\$10, nominal
Campbell, Morris & Co.	30	\$24, sellers
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	12	\$18, buyers
China Light and Power Co., Ltd.	30	\$15
China Prov. & Min.	30	\$18.80, sellers
China Sugar	100	\$107, buyers
Cigar Companies		
Athabasca, Ltd.		
Philippines Co., Ltd.	10	\$10, buyers
Cotton Mills		
Two	50	Th. 33, sellers
International	75	Th. 26.
Laou Kung Mow	100	Th. 24.
Szechuan	50	Th. 170.
Hongkong	50	Th. 142, sellers
Dairy Farm	50	\$12.
Penwick & Co., Geo.	22	\$6.
Green Island Cement	10	\$144, sellers
Gongkong & Co., Ltd.	10	\$11, buyers
Hongkong Electric	10	\$12, sellers
H. H. L. Tramways	100	\$8, sellers
St. Anna Water	10	Th. 153, sellers
London Co., Ltd.		
Hongkong Hotel	50	\$143, sellers
Hongkong Ice	20	\$27, sellers
A. & K. Wharf & Co.	50	\$105, sellers
Hongkong Hope	50	\$160, sellers
H. & W. Dock	50	\$106, sellers
Insurance		
Canton	50	\$176, sales & co.
China Fire	50	\$10, sellers
China Traders	25	\$15, buyers
Hongkong Fire	50	\$200, buyers
North China Union	50	Th. 67.
Yangtze	100	\$135
Land and Building		
Hongkong Land Inv.	100	\$143, sales
Humphrys, E.	100	\$101, buyers
Kowloon Land & Co.	25	\$74.
West Point Building	50	\$55, sellers
Shanghai Land	50	\$64, sellers
Luzon Sugar	100	\$10, sellers
Mining		
Charbonnages	Frs. 250	\$600, sellers
Punjons	100	\$11, sellers
Do. Precaience	50	26 cts.
Raubs	100	\$71, sellers
New Amey Dock	100	\$374, sellers
Powell, Ltd.	100	\$94, sellers
Steamship Cos.		
China and Manilla	50	\$20, sellers
Douglas Steamship	50	\$5, sellers
H. Canton and M.	50	\$127, sellers
Indo-China S. N.	100	\$90.
Sea Transport and Trading Co.	100	19s, sellers
Do. Preferences	100	210, nominal
Star Ferry	100	\$10, 30s, sellers
S.C.E. Boyd & Co., Ltd.	100	Th. 140.
S. & H. Dyeing & Co., Ltd.	50	\$50.
Toorau Planting Co.	50	\$1, sellers
United Asbestos	50	\$9, buyers
Watkins, Ltd.	100	\$76, sellers
Watson & Co. A.S.	100	\$141, sellers
VERNON & SMYTH, Brokers		

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